

## NEWS FROM THE AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE

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# Media Release

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## Take command of any vessel in the world with new AMC qualification delivered in NSW

From February 2017 maritime professionals will have the opportunity to gain a Bachelor's degree from the Australian Maritime College while simultaneously completing a Chief Mate and Master course in Newcastle, New South Wales.

The Bachelor of Applied Science (Nautical Science) will be delivered at Hunter TAFE's Hunter Maritime College, and is designed to provide a managerial-level education to those pursuing a career to become a Master (Captain) on a commercial vessel.

The AMSA-accredited, internationally recognised qualification will enable graduates to take command of any size or type of vessel, anywhere in the world.

Hunter Maritime College (HMC) will become the third location in Australia - and the only one the east coast - to deliver the qualification, which will be awarded by the Australian Maritime College (AMC).

Eligible students - those with a Diploma of Applied Science (Mate/Master <500GT) or an AMSA Watchkeeper Deck Certificate of Competency, or equivalent qualifications - will be able to transfer directly to the third and final year of the AMC degree.

Hunter TAFE Institute Director Christine Warrington explained how the partnership will offer a great education opportunity for maritime professionals.

"Hunter Maritime College is located right next to the world's largest coal export port and one of Australia's largest ports by throughput tonnage," said Ms Warrington.

"This partnership with the Australian Maritime College will provide maritime professionals with greater choice about where they would like to study AMSA approved qualifications at a higher education level."

The Australian Maritime College's National Centre for Ports and Shipping Director, Professor Thanasis Karlis, explained why the College is partnering with HMC to offer the degree.

“Via this partnership, we aim to bring the benefits of this higher education qualification to more maritime professionals by providing an additional location in which to study.

“The AMSA-accredited qualification equips participants with the managerial skills necessary in today's diverse shipping environment and is ideal for maritime professionals aspiring to leadership roles.”

The third year units will be delivered across two semesters at Hunter Maritime College's Newcastle campus and will cover:

- Semester 1, from 27th February, 2017: Ship Design, Advanced Ship Stability and Advanced Marine Navigation.
- Semester 2, from 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2017: Marine Transportation, Command Operations, Navigation Management, Shipping Business and Law, and Managerial and Leadership Skills.

International students are encouraged to apply, requiring an IELTS score of 6.0 with a minimum of 5.5 in each band (or equivalent).

Enrolments into the third year of the Bachelor of Applied Science (Nautical Science) at both the AMC's Launceston campus and HMC in Newcastle are now open for Semester 1 2017.

More information and details on how to apply are available on the University of Tasmania's website: <http://www.utas.edu.au/courses/amc/courses/23q-bachelor-of-applied-science-nautical-science>

### **About Hunter Maritime College**

Hunter Maritime College is one of the most advanced deck training facilities in the country and provides world-class training to industry professionals.

Programs are focused on providing training with a practical edge with facilities that replicate the modern seagoing workplace, including an AMSA approved full mission bridge simulator.

All HMC courses are approved by AMSA and aligned with the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers 1978 (STCW) as amended.

### **About the Australian Maritime College**

The Australian Maritime College is a specialist institute of the University of Tasmania located in Launceston, Northern Tasmania. It is highly regarded as Australia's national institute for maritime education, training and research.

Courses and programs span the areas of coastal and ocean seafaring, maritime logistics and international business, and maritime engineering and hydrodynamics. Qualifications are offered from vocational certificates and diplomas through to undergraduate, postgraduate and research higher degrees.

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